

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
APRIL 19, 2022**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

INFORMATIONAL ITEM ON COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION PLANS FOR THE EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY

DISCUSSION

Coachella Valley Water District (District) serves approximately 300,000 residents mostly within the Coachella Valley in Riverside County. The service area boundary also extends into small portions of Imperial and San Diego counties. There are a number of nearby small, disadvantaged communities (DACs) that are not connected to the District's water system. Local groundwater supplies for several of these small water systems (SWSs) have shown elevated concentrations of arsenic and other constituents. The SWSs with potential for consolidation are of various sizes, and some are tribal, and as a result, the SWSs are regulated by various entities, including: the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Local Primacy Agencies (LPAs), or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Coordination amongst these agencies is ongoing.

The District evaluated and prioritized potential consolidations of SWSs as a part of the East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project (ECVWSP), which was funded with Proposition 1 Grant from the State Water Board (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund [DWSRF] Project No. 3310001-008P, Agreement No. D17-02044). The District is partnering with its DAC Infrastructure Task Force to implement the ECVWSP in coordination with other water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the Eastern Coachella Valley. 83 SWSs were identified for consolidation and grouped into 39 projects based on relative proximity of the SWSs to one another. Some of these areas are also on septic systems, so the District is also considering and coordinating projects to address wastewater needs.

Based on the prioritization criteria determined from discussions with the DAC Infrastructure Task Force, the District has submitted construction applications for the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project (DWSRF Project No. 3310001-014C) and the Valley View Mobile Home Park Consolidation Project (DWSRF Project No. 3310001-015C). The ECVWSP ranked the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Conservation Project as its highest priority project as it is needed to consolidate the Manuela Garcia, Seferino Huerta, and Saint Anthony Mobile Home Parks. Also constructed facilities will support potential consolidations for at least 20 other SWSs.

As part of this informational item, the District will share a summary of consolidation work to date in the Eastern Coachella Valley, and plans for additional work in the future.

POLICY ISSUE

This is an informational item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISTRICT OFFICE IMPACT

The District works closely with the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) and the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to develop and fund consolidation projects.

HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER ANALYSIS

The actions discussed under this item are consistent with the established policy of the State recognizing the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (human right to water; Water Code section 106.3). The proposed actions are also consistent with [Resolution No. 2016-0010](#), in which the State Water Board adopted the human right to water as a core value and top priority. As directed by the State Water Board in Resolution No. 2016-0010, staff have determined that the proposed actions support the human right to water by assisting disadvantaged communities with economies of scale and providing safe and reliable drinking water.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item.